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PDW '96

Geriatrics...The Next Generation

THE STUDENTS IN THE FACULTY OF Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta are excited to host Professional Development Weekend (PDW) in 1996. This annual CAPSI convention will be held at West Edmonton Mall from January 24-27. Delegates will enjoy balancing educational lectures with fun and memorable social events.

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Our conference theme, Geriatrics... The Next Generation, will focus on the impact the aging population is having on the role of the pharmacist. During the first morning, the continuing education begins with Dr. Roland Ikuta addressing the aging process, followed by Dr. Ruby Grymonpre discussing the unique challenges in providing pharmaceutical care to the elderly.

In the afternoon, smaller groups will work on case studies involving standardised patients (live actors), as well as participate in the "Elderly Appreciation Game". The next morning will cover elderly disease states with Pat Mayo speaking on pain management, Dr. Bruce Yakshyn lecturing on H. Pylori, and Dr. Susan Bowles speaking on dementia.

The final continuing education event will be the COPD Dream Team resolving a hypertension case study. This group includes a geriatrician, RN, dietitian, PT, OT, RT, social worker, pastoral care worker and the 1994-95 APhA pharmacist of the year Irene Obrok. As the educational organiser of PDW '96, Robert Boehme, said "I hope I have a team like this looking after me when I'm 95 years old, and have my first heart attack while barefoot water-skiing".

Along with the high calibre of educational lectures and workshops, students and interns can expect a whirlwind of social activities. A pre-conference ski trip will be held in Banff, January 20 to 23. Opening night kicks off with a fun money casino where participants can win prizes. For the more competitive individual, there is the ever popular Pharmacy Jeopardy Competition which pits all the universities against one another.

This year the conference will include the East vs. West "First Blood Hockey Tournament" and PDW's own version of the Pharmacy Golf Open. Late Thursday night, the conference thrill seekers will have complete run of the world's largest indoor amusement park, Galaxy Land. On Saturday evening, the weekend will wind up with a Beach Front Calypso Party, Edmonton style, at the World Water Park.

REGISTRATION FOR PDW '96 IS available to all pharmacy students across Canada and the USA from your local CAPSI representative. Albertan pharmacists will also have the opportunity to register and earn CE points. Both the novice and seasoned professional can expect to gain realistic viewpoints on current geriatric issues and also the tools to improve the health and well-being of their elderly patients. The PDW '96 committee hopes to see you in January; it is certain to become one of the most memorable and enjoyable CAPSI events ever.

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